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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Declassified Version of the 205 Report

25X1A 1. [] informed me that at Bundy's staff meeting this morning discussion arose on the preparation of a declassified version of the NSAM 205 Report on US/USSR Nuclear Weapons Capabilities. The result of the discussion was that the question would be brought up at this afternoon's Disarmament Principals meeting.

2. The subject of a declassified version of the 205 Report was raised earlier at the time of the proposed Bethe public statement. It was discussed by the 205 Committee about two weeks ago at its last meeting, and all members agreed that it would be undesirable to try to prepare such a version. To make a meaningful report would require declassification of considerable amount of sensitive material, both US RD and intelligence. Furthermore, it would only open the discussion to everyone who had some knowledge of the facts to release additional tidbits in order to further their positions.

3. I would strongly urge, therefore, that if this subject is raised this afternoon, the DCI try to discourage the idea of preparing such a declassified report.

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